

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Orselli is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been canceled and claim 7 has been amended.

The rejection of claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Santora is respectfully traversed. Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 7, 9 and 10 have been amended.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Powell is respectfully traversed. All applicant's remarks against Powell previously filed are renewed and incorporated herein by reference. Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2, 4, 7 and 9 have been amended.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Perrie is respectfully traversed. All applicant's remarks against Perrie previously filed are renewed and incorporated herein by reference. Claim 1 has been canceled.

The rejection of Claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Santora in view of Salvucci is respectfully traversed. Claims 2-5 have been amended.

The rejection of Claims 6, 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Santora is respectfully traversed. Claims 6, 8 and 11 have been amended.

The rejection of claims 7, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Santora in view of Orselli is respectfully traversed. Claims 7, 9 and 10 have been amended.

The rejection of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Santora in view of Huard is respectfully traversed. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended.

The rejection of Claims 3 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell is respectfully traversed. Claims 3 and 8 have been amended.

The rejection of Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Kuhlman is respectfully traversed. Claim 5 has been amended.

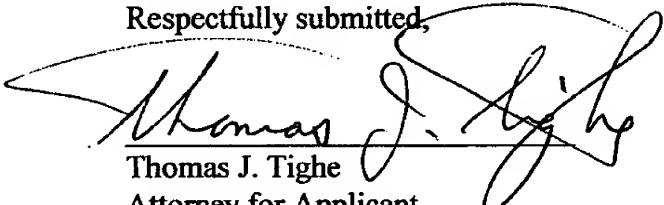
The rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Orselli is respectfully traversed. Claim 6 has been amended.

The rejection of claims 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Levy is respectfully traversed. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended.

The rejection of claims 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of Huard is respectfully traversed. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended.

It is believed the application is now in a condition for allowance, and reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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